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BRIEFING

PM Erdogan's Remarks on EU Accession: In remarks to Italy's
`La Repubblica' newspaper, PM Erdogan emphasized the
importance of secularism in Europe. "Sabah" notes that
Erdogan tried to ease fears in European countries about the
possible consequences if Turkish workers are allowed free
movement throughout the EU. The PM stressed that Turkey
could accept some restrictions regarding the free movement
of labor even after it becomes a full member of the Union.
In Italy this weekend, PM Erdogan will give details of
Turkey's EU harmonization reforms and will have a working
dinner with his Italian PM Silvio Berlusconi.

General Jones' Visits Turkey: "Hurriyet" reports that in
his contacts in Ankara, General Jones focused on the transit
of a possible Turkish troop deployment to Iraq and the need
to neutralize the PKK/KADEK. In a statement released by the
Turkish General Staff following the meeting, the TGS noted
that military delegations from the US and Turkey would begin
meeting today to discuss military and technical issues
related to the deployment. "Hurriyet" predicts that during
these meetings, Turkey will present five conditions to US:
Turkey wants full authority in the sector that will be given
to Turkish troops; Turkey must head the command structure
for troops in its sector; Turkey and the US will undertake
serious steps to eliminate the PKK/KADEK in northern Iraq;
Turkish forces in Northern Iraq will give logistic support
for the transport of forces toward Baghdad; Turkey should be
given financial support for the deployment, based on the
Polish example.

US State Department Statement on PKK/KADEK: "Turkiye" gives
extensive front-page coverage to the statement of US State
Department Spokesman Richard Boucher regarding the
announcement of the end of the PKK/KADEK cease-fire.

Boucher said that all terror groups in Northern Iraq must be neutralized, including the PKK -- a terrorist organization. He noted that the United States and Turkey will hold close contacts to allay Turkish concerns on this issue.

EDITORIAL OPINION

"Troop deployment and KADEK"

Koray Duzgoren commented in Islamic intellectual/opinion maker Yeni Safak (9/4): "The U.S. has demanded that Turkish troops be deployed in zones of Iraq which are causing trouble for the Americans. . The PKK/KADEK has announced an end to its cease-fire with Turkey. This decision might negatively affect American efforts to see Turkish troops in Iraq. Turkey, on the pretext of deploying troops to central Iraq, is considering keeping a certain number of troops in the North to maintain pressure on Iraqi Kurdish groups and KADEK. . Although the AKP government does not seem concerned, renewed clashes with the PKK/KADEK are possible. . The U.S. wants stability in the region. Turkey also needs regional peace and stability to improve its economy. The AKP government must swiftly change its position of ignoring the Kurdish problem. The AKP must understand that KADEK is not merely a terror organization, but is closely related to the Kurdish problem. The government must abandon its posture of seeing the troop deployment issue through the lens provided by the military and the elite rulers of the state structure."

"Towards the finale"

Okay Gonensin noted in the mass appeal Vatan (9/4): "Islamist terror and the war in Iraq have shown that an EU with Turkey will be in a stronger position to address the new balances in the Middle East. . If a solution is not reached in Cyprus by May 2004, Turkey will become an occupier of the land of an EU member country. . The Greek Cypriot Administration will naturally use its advantageous position in the EU to push for a settlement in Cyprus. . Leading EU members have shown that Turkey will not be blocked in its EU drive, but they have also made clear that they expect Ankara to make progress on the Cyprus issue. There is no sense in allowing the possibility of failure now that Turkey has come this close to reaching its goal of EU membership."

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